This amount has since been recovered from the party.

शहरी गरीबों को सस्ती दरों पर राशन उपलब्ध कराने की योजना

792. **श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र:** क्या नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) इस समय देश में कुल कितने प्रकार की सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणालियां काम कर रही हैं;

(ख) क्या सरकार शहरी गरीबों को ग्रामीण गरीबों की अपेक्षा सस्ती दरों पर राशन देने की कोई योजना बना रही है;

(ग) इस समय खाद्य सब्सिडी पर कुल कितनी धनराशि खर्च की जाती है और इस योजना से इसके लिए कितनी अतिरिक्त सब्सिडी की आवश्यकता होगी; और

(घ) इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है?

नागरिक पूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री (श्री बूटा सिंह): (क) सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली सारे देश में लागू है। केन्द्रीय सरकार ने विभिन्न क्षेत्र विकास कार्यक्रमों, जैसे मरुस्थल विकास कार्यक्रम, सूखा प्रवण क्षेत्र कार्यक्रम, निर्धारित पहाड़ी क्षेत्रों तथा समेकित आदिवासी विकास परियोजनाओं के तहत आने वाले ब्लाकों में सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली को पहुंच में सुधार करने के लिए 1992 में संपुष्ट सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली शुरू की थी।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) और (घ) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान खाद्य सहायता के खाते में निर्मुक्त राशियां तथा 1995-96 बजट अनुमान इस प्रकार है:—

वर्ष	करोड़ रुपए में
92-93	2785
93-94	5537
94-95	4509
95-96 (बजट अनुमान)	5250

चूंकि ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में रहने वाले गरीब लोगों की तुलना में शहरों में रहने वाले गरीब लोगों को सस्ती दरों पर खाद्यान्न वितरण करने की कोई स्कीम नहीं है अतः ऐसी किसी स्कीम पर कोई अतिरिक्त राजसहायता खर्च किए जाने का प्रश्न नहीं उठता है।

Guidelines for consultancy business

793. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(c) Export of consultancy services, including computer software, in terms of foreign exchange earnings, during 1994-95 was estimated Rs. 1700 crore (Source: FIEO), which marked a growth rate of 24% over the previous year.

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated new guidelines to promote foreign consultancy at the cost of Indian consultancy business;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to remove such guidelines; and

(c) what are the details of the growth rate of Indian consultancy business during the year 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Scam in coal sector

794. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the 'Indian Express' of Ist May, 1995 under the caption, "Scam in PSUs puts Bofers to shame";

(b) if so, what are the facts thereof particularly about the fraudulent scandals to the tune of Rs. 2733 crores in Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) and Projects and Development of India Limited (PDIL) during the last one decade;

(c) whether Government have made any enquiry into the various issues raised in the above report; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) In so far as Bharat Coking Coal Limited is concerned, the actual value of the shortage during the 10 year period from 1984-85 to 1993-94 according to Coal India Limited is Rs. 247.40 crores as per the annual audited accounts of the company. As per information received from Department of Fertilizer, the allegations made in the news-item regarding Projects Development of India Limited and Fertilizer Corporation of India could not be substantiated.

(c) and (d) Regarding coal stock shortage in Bharat Coking Coal Limited, action has been initiated on the basis of the report of the Governmental Committee which enquired into these shortages. Regarding adultrated coal allegedly supplied to FCI, Coal India Ltd; have informed that the Police registered a complaint regarding poor quality of coal in a rake diverted to FCI, Sindri unit and a criminal case of fraud was registered against employees of Bastakola area of BCCL.

Shortage of Coal

795. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quantity and value of stock shortage of coal in each year during the period (i) 1983-84 to 1991-92 and (ii) in 1992-93 and 1994-95;

(b) whether there has been underselling of coal dust, coal adulterated with ash, stone and clay during the above period;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard, what is its quantity and value and what are the names of parties with whom such fraudulent transactions have been done; and

(d) what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) The quantity and value of stock shortages during. the year 1983-84 to 1993-94 is given in the Statement. *(See* below). Final figures relating to value of stock etc for the year 1994-95 will be known only after the accounts have been audited.

(b) and (c) Slurry from washeries is being sold and it contains fine coal mixed with ash and other foreign material. Slurries are currently being sold as per the declared grade price in accordance with Government notification in this regard. Earlier these were sold at the prices fixed by open tenders. Transactions were thus not fraudulent.

(d) Does not arise.